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SUEZ CANAL
(QANAT AS SUWAYS)
EGYPT

1. SIGNIFICANCE: IDENTIFIES SURFACE OBSTRUCTION IN THE SUEZ CANAL.
2. LOCATION: THE CANAL EXTENDS NORTH AND SOUTH THROUGH THE ISTHMUS OF SUEZ (AS SUWAYS), CONNECTING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA WITH THE GULF OF SUEZ.
3. REMARKS: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUEZ CANAL LIES IN ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION. IT SHORTENS THE SHIPPING ROUTE FROM EUROPE TO THE EAST BY APPROXIMATELY 7,500 MILES. AN AVERAGE OF 60 SHIPS PER DAY TRANSIT THE WATERWAY. APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE 240 MILLION TONS OF CARGO PASSING THROUGH IT ANNUALLY MOVES NORTH WITH ABOUT FOUR FIFTHS OF THIS CARGO CONCERNED WITH OIL. SOUTH-BOUND CARGO INCLUDE U.S. WHEAT FOR INDIA, FERTILIZER FOR INDIA AND COMMUNIST CHINA, AND SOVIET OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE FAR EAST.

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5. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

* LENGTH: 162 KILOMETERS

* WIDTH: FROM 162 TO 200 METERS ON CANAL SURFACE

* NIS 53 EGYPT INLAND WATERWAYS FEB 65.
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CANAL ARE CONTINUOUS.

THE MAXIMUM DRAFT OF VESSELS PERMITTED TO
TRANSIT CANAL IS ANNOUNCED BY THE CANAL
AUTHORITY PERIODICALLY.

6. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS A SMALL PASSENGER VESSEL
CAPSIZED BROADSIDE TO THE CANAL 3 NM SOUTH OF PORT SAID (BUR SAID).
THE VESSEL IS RESTING ON HER STARBOARD SIDE, BOW NEAR THE WEST BANK OF
THE CANAL, AND OCCUPIES 60 PERCENT OF THE CANAL WIDTH.

ORDER OF BATTLE:

PORT SAID

NO NAVAL OR COMMERCIAL VESSELS OBSERVED IN
THE PORT FACILITY OR IN THE APPROACHES TO

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THE CANAL.

AL QANTARAH TO ISMAILIA

1 TANKER IS MOORED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE WESTERN BRANCH (APPROXIMATELY KM 59).
2 BARGES ARE MOORED AND 2 POSSIBLE SWING-BRIDGE SECTIONS ARE APPARENTLY IN PLACE PARALLEL TO THE CANAL (IN THE OPEN POSITIONS) SOUTH OF AL FIRDAN.

ISMAILIA TO SUEZ

1 TANKER IS ANCHORED IN LAKE TIMSAH.
12 CARGO VESSELS, 1 TANKER, 1 COASTAL FREIGHTER, AND 1 POSSIBLE DREDGE ARE ANCHORED IN GREAT BITTER LAKE (AL BUHAYRAH AL MURRAH AL KUBRA).

SUEZ/BUR TAWFIQ

3 POSSIBLE PT ARE AT THE SUEZ NAVAL BASE ADABIYAH. 3 POSSIBLE PC/PF, 4 CARGO VESSELS, AND 1 LARGE BARGE ARE AT THE BUR TAWFIQ PORT FACILITY. 1 TANKER ARRIVED AT THE POL PIER ON [REDACTED] AT ANCHOR IN THE ROADSTEAD ARE 1 SUPER TANKER, 2 TANKERS, 4 CARGO VESSELS, AND 4 COASTAL FREIGHTERS.

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SMALL UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS
UNDERWAY

3 NEAR AL BALLAH, 1 NORTH OF AL FIRDAN,

4 IN LAKE TIMSAH, AND 1 SOUTH OF SHALLUF AH.

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